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1. ON RECEIPT REF B, EMBASSY DCM ARRANGED APPOINTMENT MARCH 24 WITH MAJ. GEN KHALDI, CHIEF OF STAFF UAE ARMED FORCES, TO REVIEW PROPOSED PROGRAM. ALTHOUGH REF C NOT THEN AVAILABLE, POINTS CONTAINED THEREIN WERE DISCUSSED WITH GENERAL BY PHONE MARCH 26. FOLLOWING ARE COMMENTS/INQUIRIES BASED ON THESE CONTACTS.

2. TIMING OF PROGRAM -- CONFLICT HAS APPARENTLY ARISEN INVOLVING COL. SHAIKH SULTAN, WHOM IS INDICATED PREVIOUSLY WE HOPE WILL LEAD TOUR TEAM. SHAIKH SULTAN IS APPARENTLY PREPARED TO HEAD GRUUP, BUT HE HAS COMMITMENT IN EUROPE IN LATE PARIL. GEN KHALDI HAS ASKED IF ENTIRE ITINE- RARY MIGHT BE MOVED BACK ONE WEEK TO START ON MAY 3? EMBASSY CAN WELL APPRECIATE DIFFICULTIES OF MAKING
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CHAGE SUCH AS THIS WITH ALL STOPS INVOLVED, BUT HOPES THIS MIGHT BE POSSIBLE. ALTERNATIVELY, DCM DISCUSSED WITH KHALDI POSSIBILITY OF SIMPLY MOVING WEST POINT/ NEW YORK PORTION OF ITINERARY TO END OF PROGRAM IN EARLY JUNE. PRESUMABLY THIS WOULD PERMIT SUFFICIENT DELAY AND WE ASSUME IT LIKELY TO BE EASIER. FIRST ALTERNATIVE HOWEVER IS DEFINITELY PREFERRED. EMBASSY

WOULD APPRECIATE ADVICE ON THIS POINT IF POSSIBLE
BY OPENING BUSINESS, TUESDAY, MARCH 29, SINCE AMBASSADOR-
DOR HOPES TO SEE SHAIKH SULTAN THAT DAY TO PURSUE
MATTER.

3. RE REMAINDER OF PROGRAM, GEN. KHALDI THOUGHT THAT
IT WAS MADE TO ORDER, ALBEIT SOMEWHAT STRENUOUS. IN
THAT CONNECTION, HE URGED THAT WEEKEND STOJMS--E.G.
IN ATLANTA AND DALLAS/FORT WORTH BE AS LIGHT ON OFFICIAL
PROGRAMMING AS POSSIBLE. NEITHER US ARMY FORCES COMMAND
HEADQUARTERS NOR CORPS OF ENGINEERS STRUCK GENERAL
AS BEING THAT RELEVANT TO F SIC MISSION OF THIS GROUP
(IN LATTER, CONNECTION HE EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE IN
PARTICULAR OF FORT BEINNING VISIT) AND HE IS CLEARLY
CONCERNED RE THEIR STAYING POWER. EMBASSY BELIEVES
HSI CONCERNS ARE VALID. WHILE WE EXPECT GROUP TO TAKE
TOUR SERIOUSLY AND BE INTERESTED IN WHAT IS SHOWN,
PACE OF LIFE HERE IS NOT UP TO US STANDARDS AND RE-
LAXATION--PARTICULARLY DURING FAST PACE OF FIRST
THREE WEEKS OF TOUR--WILL BE
IMPORTANT.

4. RE QUESTION OF PERSONAL EXPENSES RAISED REF C,
KHALDI EXPRESSED CONCERN--AGAIN WE BELIEVE LEGITIMATE--
RE AMOUNT OF CASH THAT WOULD BE INVOLVED. ON SALE
OF \$150 PER DAY THIS WILL WORK OUT TO SOME \$5000
PER MAN OR \$50,000 FOR GROUP. IF TOUR GOES HIGHER
CLASS (SEE MORE BELOW) PROBLEM OBVIOUSLY GET WORSE--
AND THEY DO NOT HAVE CREDIT CARDS. KHALDI ASKED
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WHETHER IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR ARRANGEMENTS TO
BE MADE WHEREBY CIVILIAN HOTELS WOULD BILL UAEG--
PERHAPS ITS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON--FOR ROOMS AND ANY
EXPENSES INCURRED AT HOTEL. OBVIOUSLY GROUP WOULD
NEED CASH TO HANDLE OTHER EXPENSES BUT PROBLEM WOULD
BE SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED. KHALDI STATED THAT LKTTER
COULD BE PRODUCED--PRESUMABLY FROM UAE EMBASSY--FOR
EACH HOTEL ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR GROUP, AUTHO-
RIZING UNLIMITED CHARGES, AND PROMISING TO PAY BILL
UPON SUBMISSION. DOES SUCH ARRANGEMENT SOUND PRACTICAL?
ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO SEND "BAG MAN" WITH GROUP,
BUT THIS MEANS ADDITIONALLPERSON AND IS NOT DESIRED
SOLUTION.

5. RE HOTELS, NATURE OF ACCOMMODATION DESIRED DEPENDS
IN LARGE PART ON WHETHER SHAIKH SULTAN LEADS PARTY.
UAE CITIZENS ARE USED TO TRAVELING FIRST CLASS, SO
HOTELS SHOULD FIT THAT BILL IN ANY EVENT. FYI. WE
ASSUME \$150 PER DAY WOULD COVER THAT TYPE OF HOTEL.

END FYI. IF SHAIKH SULTAN DOES COME, AS ANTICIPATED, ACCOMMODATIONS SHOULD BE "FIVE STAR", AS KHALDI PUT IT, WITH REST OF PARTY STAYING IN SAME HOTEL. EMBASSY REALIZES PRECEDING COULD BE BIT MORE PRECISE. ONCE WE KNOW SULTAN'S PLANS WE WILL TRY TO PIN THIS DOWN-- E.G. DOES HE WANTSUITE? DOES HE PREFER PARTICULAR HOTEL BY NAME?

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6. RE AIR TRAVEL, KHALDI ASKED IF THIS WOULD BE VIA MILITARY AIRCRAFT? WE GATHER FROM REF A THAT ANSWER IS NO--THAT TRAVEL WILL BE COMMERCIAL. IN THAT CONNECTION, HOWEVER, WE RECOMMEND THAT WHERE SUCH SERVICE OFFERED, AIR TRAVEL BE FIRST CLASS. UAEG WILL, OF COUSE, PAY--INCLUDING FIRST CLASS FARE FOR ESCORT-- BUT THAT IS WAY THEY USED TO TRAVELING. THIS OF COURSE ALL THE MORE SO IF SHAIKH SULTAN LEADS DELEGATION.

7. EMBASSY APPRECIATES EFFORTS OF ALL CONCERNED TO DATE AND APOLOGIZES FOR CHANGES WE SUGGESTING AND REMAINING POINTS OF UNCERTAINTY. AMBASSADOR INTENDS TO POINT OUT TO SHAIKH SULTAN EXTENSIVE PLANNING INVOLVED IN THIS TRIP AND NEED TO PIN DOWN AND STICK TO DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS ASAP.
IF THERE ARE INQUIREIS OF EMBASSY, ACTION OFFICER IS DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION SAM PEALE, PHONE OFFICE 61534, HOME 62453. NOTE: ABU DHABI TIME IS GMT PLUS FOUR.

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